

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6, 10, 12 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1 to 4, 7 to 9, 11 and 13 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A printing control method executed in an information processing apparatus which has a printer driver to convert ~~of converting~~ data into print data which a printing apparatus can process, said printing control method comprising:

a first setting step of setting a print attribute to be applied to the print data in response to instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver ~~an overall setting to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data;~~

a displaying step of displaying a page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a designated page in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver, wherein the page setting screen is a screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set in said first setting step; and

a second setting step of setting the partial print attribute to be applied to a page designated using the page setting screen, in response to an instruction input using the page setting screen.

wherein said displaying step displays a page setting screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set in said first setting step when an instruction to display the page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a page different from the page designated in said second setting step is input

~~a conversion step of converting the data into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting step.~~

2. (Currently amended) The printing control method according to claim 1, further comprising a converting wherein said setting step of converting the data into the print data based upon the print attribute for the print data set in said first ~~has a page designation step of designating a page to which the partial setting step and the~~ is applied and, in said conversion step, the overall setting is applied to items other than items to which the partial print attribute set in said second setting step is applied.

3. (Currently amended) The printing control method according to claim 1, wherein, in said displaying conversion step, the page setting screen is displayed so that a user can confirm all items of the print attribute set in said first setting step on the page ~~converts metadata generated by an operating system into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting~~ screen to the metadata.

4. (Currently amended) The printing control method according to claim 1, wherein,

in said first setting step, the set values of items of the print attribute including paper types, paper supplying methods, print quality and/or color adjustment are changed from initial values to be applied to the print data, and

in said displaying step, the items for which initial values are changed in said first setting step are displayed~~conversion step converts bitmap data generated by a renderer into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting to the bitmap data.~~

5. (Original) The printing control method according to claim 1, wherein the print data is bitmap data.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A printing control apparatus for converting data into print data which a printing apparatus which has a printer driver can process, said printing control apparatus comprising:

a first setting unit which sets a print attribute to be applied to the print data in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver~~an overall setting to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data;~~

a displaying unit which displays a page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a designated page in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver, wherein the page setting screen is a screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set in said first setting step; and

a second setting unit which sets the partial print attribute to be applied to a page designated using the page setting screen, in response to an instruction input using the page setting screen,

wherein said displaying unit displays a page setting screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set by said first setting unit when an instruction to display the page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a page different from the page designated in said second setting unit is input

~~a converter which converts the data into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting unit.~~

8. (Currently amended) The printing control apparatus according to claim 7, wherein in said displaying unit, the page setting screen is displayed so that a user can confirm all items of the print attribute set by said first setting unit on the page setting screen ~~said converter converts metadata generated by an operating system into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting to the metadata.~~

9. (Currently amended) The printing control apparatus according to claim 7, wherein,

in said first setting unit, the set values of items of the print attribute including paper types, paper supplying methods, print quality and/or color adjustment are changed from initial values into value to be applied to the print data, and

in said displaying unit, the items for which initial values are changed in said first setting unit are displayed
~~said converter converts bitmap data generated by a renderer into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting to the bitmap data.~~

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A printing system comprising:

a printing control apparatus for converting drawing data into a print data which a printing apparatus can process, comprising:

a first setting unit which sets a print attribute to be applied to the print data in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver;

a displaying unit which displays a page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a designated page in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver, wherein the page setting screen is a screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set by said first setting unit
~~an overall setting to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data; and~~

a second setting unit which sets the partial print attribute to be applied to a page designated using the page setting screen, in response to an instruction input using the page setting screen.

wherein said displaying unit displays a page setting screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set by said first setting unit when an instruction to display the page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a page different from the page designated by said second setting unit is input~~a converter which converts the data into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting unit; and~~

~~a printer which is connected to said printing control apparatus and performs print processing in accordance with the print data.~~

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a
computer program product ~~recorded in a computer readable medium~~, comprising:

a first setting process procedure code which sets a print attribute to be applied to the print data in response to an instruction input using a overall-setting screen of the printer driver~~to be applied to the entire print data and a partial setting to be applied to a designated page in generating the print data;~~

a displaying process procedure code which displays a page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a designated page in response to an instruction input using a setting screen of the printer driver, wherein the page setting screen is a screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set in said first setting process procedure code; and

a second setting process procedure code which sets the partial print attribute to be applied to a page designated using the page setting screen, in response to an instruction input using the page setting screen,

wherein said displaying process procedure code displays a page setting screen on which a user can confirm the print attribute set by said first setting process procedure code when an instruction to display the page setting screen to set a partial print attribute to be applied to a page different from the page designated in said second setting process procedure code is input

~~a conversion process procedure code which converts the data into the print data in accordance with the overall setting and the partial setting while preferentially applying the partial setting set by said setting process procedure code.~~

14. (Canceled)